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SUBJ: CFA-4 DISCUSSIONS ON SALES AND EXCHANGES AND SYSTEMIC
ANALYSIS OF WFP EVALUATIONS

1. AGENDA ITEM 9. SALES AND EXCHANGES DISCUSSED OCTOBER 26.
DISCUSSION LENGTHY WITH 18 INTERVENTIONS. THERE WAS BROAD
CONSENSUS WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER,
THESE CAVEATED TO URGE GREAT CAUTION IN ANY LIBERALIZED USE
OF SALES. CFA AGREED SALES AND EXCHANGES TO CONTINUE TO BE ON
EXCEPTIONAL BASIS AND REVIEWED ON CASE BY CASE BASIS.
OTHER DELEGATIONS EXPRESSING SAME POINT OF VIEW AS U.S. INCLUDED
ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, GERMANY, CANADA, JAPAN, DENMARK AND AUSTRALIA.

2. IN DISCUSSING USE OF WFP EVALUATIONS BY CFA, USDEL
QUESTIONED WHETHER, IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER (548) OF WFP
EVALUATIONS, FULL BENEFIT BEING DERIVED FROM THEM. USDEL
PROPOSED CREATION OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT SYSTEMATIC
ANALYSIS OF HOW CFA USES EVALUATIONS. OBJECTIVE OF SUCH GROUP
WOULD BE TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS TO
FUTURE CFA MEETING ON WAYS TO IMPROVE CFA CAPACITY TO REVIEW
PROJECT PROPOSALS. DELEGATE OF AUSTRALIA STRONGLY SUPPORTED
USA PROPOSAL.

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3. U.S. ACCEPTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPLAY AS FOLLOWS:
WHILE SOMEWHAT OVERWHELMED BY REQUESTS FOR STUDIES, DID APPRECIATE
U.S. CONCERN TO OBTAIN FULL BENEFIT FROM SUBSTANTIAL WFP
EVALUATION EFFORT. HOWEVER, HE WISHED OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE
INHOUSE LOOK AT SUBJECT FIRST. THEREFORE, PRIOR TO FIFTH CFA
SESSION WFP WILL DO INTERNAL STUDY AND MEET WITH INFORMAL

WORKING GROUP (AS YET NOT NAMED) IMMEDIATELY BEFORE CFA/5
TO DECIDE WHAT FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN. WE SEE THIS AS
FIRST STEP IN ADDRESSING CONCERNS RAISED BY U.S. DELEGATE DURING
PLEDGE TARGET DISCUSSION IN AREA OF IMPROVING PROJECT DESIGN
AND IMPLEMENTATION, AS WELL AS GREATER COORDINATION OF WFP AID
WITH OTHER AID. THERE HAS EMERGED DURING SESSIONS
CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR U.S. CONCERNS.GARDNER

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